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Dixon, IL – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces today that weather permitting, construction work near the intersection of IL 78 and US 34 south of Kewanee will begin on Monday, May 1, 2017. Stark Excavating Company will begin work on the \$2 million project to replace the US 34 bridge over Indian Creek.

The first construction work will be on Blackhawk Road from IL 78 to 2550 E. This roadway past the Blackhawk College Campus will be improved so it can be used as a detour route when US 34 is closed for the bridge replacement.

Improvements to Blackhawk Road include replacing culverts, widening the intersections for turning vehicles, and resurfacing the roadway. Drivers should be prepared to stop for flaggers who will be directing traffic past the construction work areas. This work is expected to be finished by June 1st.

When the improvements to Blackhawk Road are completed, US 34 traffic will be detoured onto IL 78 and Blackhawk Road while US 34 is closed for removal and replacement of the Indian Creek Bridge. US 34 is scheduled to be closed for 60 days or less and the entire project is to be completed by early August.

Please slow down and use extreme caution while driving through all work zones.

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